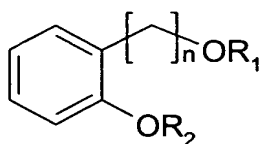
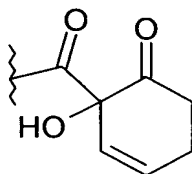


Abstract

The invention concerns the use of compounds from the group of (2-hydroxyphenyl) alcohols and its derivatives for the lightening of skin and/or hair and cosmetic or therapeutic formulations containing the compounds from the group of (2-hydroxyphenyl) alcohols. According to a first aspect of the present invention, a compound having formula (I)



wherein $n = 1 - 10$, R^1 denotes a substituent from the group comprising H, branched or unbranched C_1 - C_{14} alkyl or alkenyl, substituted or unsubstituted aryl alkyl, cyclohexyl, cyclopentyl, substituted or unsubstituted phenyl, substituted or unsubstituted monosaccharide, SO_3 , $(CH_2)_{1-10}OH$, COR,



$SiRR'R''$, SR , PO_3RR' or $PO_3RR'R''$, wherein R , R' , R'' , selected mutually independently, stand for H, C_1 - C_{14} alkyl, alkenyl or alkynyl, cyclohexyl, cyclopentyl, substituted or unsubstituted phenyl or a heterocyclic ring, and R^2 denotes an enzymatically cleavable substituent or a substituent selected independently from R^1 from the group comprising H, branched or unbranched C_1 - C_{14} alkyl or alkenyl, cyclohexyl, cyclopentyl, substituted or unsubstituted phenyl, is used inter alia for the lightening of skin and/or hair.